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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action, mailed December 18, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A composition comprising:

5-aminotetrazole and

guanidine nitrate which has a 50% average particle size of 40  $\mu$ m or less; and

strontium nitrate and

an additive.

2. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the guanidine nitrate has an 50% average particle diameter of 20  $\mu$ m or less.

Claims 3-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the additive comprises silicon nitride or silicon carbide.

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